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Cats.

Recently the Bowling Green Neighbourhood Association of New York announced an offer of five cents apiece for every stray cat brought into its headquarters. As a result, press reports have it, the children of lower New York engaged in the "greatest cat hunt in history," and a large number of cats were captured and subsequently destroyed. It now appears that there were included among these many pets and pedigreed animals. Aside altogether from this phase of the question, however, and granting that if the authorities deem it wise to conduct a campaign against the stray cats of New York, this is their own affair, it should still be obvious that some better method can be discovered than one inciting children to such degrading activities.

Financial Wisdom.

That English financial writers and business men generally deem to believe that England will gain more from restored commercial activity than the will lose from whatever reduction of her share of reparations and cancellation of her interest on credits is necessary in order to purchase the release of Germany from a crushing burden, is the opinion of C. Reinhold Noyes in *The North American Review*. He continues: "This is enlightened, but essentially financial, attitude is not yet general, perhaps no more so than is its counterpart in America. 'Plain men' express their inability to follow the reasoning of the financial highbrows, and see England crushed under a burden of taxation because she honestly pays her debts and readily forgives her neighbors. Nevertheless, the disagreement may be expressed in terms of business policy, and is essentially a question of financial wisdom, though it can be stated in popular terms as a question of whether or not we are to accept the financial highbrows' view that it is better to be a creditor than a debtor, and to have Germany pay her debts and readily forgive her neighbors."

Boon To Miners.

If the present experiments now being carried out in the Ebbw Vale colliery prove a success, the end of nystagmus, the dreaded disease of the eyes which impairs the miners' earning capacity and eventually incapacitates him, is in sight. It seems clear that the disease has increased with the introduction of the electric safety lamp, and is practically unknown where naked lights are used. Experiments with various tinted glasses in the lamps have been carried out, and it is found that the glass most suitable for meeting the needs of the sufferers was canary yellow in colour. One man told a "Reynolds's" correspondent that he had suffered from nystagmus for twenty-four years, and found great relief, "but," he added, "it is not so much a matter of one's own lamp, but those of other men working around. Therefore, to get the full advantage all lamps should be fitted with yellow glasses." The company are fully alive to this point, and as soon as possible the canary yellow glasses will be in general use.

Waste Paper.

A New York concern engaged in the collection and sale of waste paper is trying to get the Attorney-General to dissolve the Salvation Army on the ground that it is illegally engaged in the waste paper business. The complaint is that by the use of the labour of the "Down-but-Not-Outers," whom that admirable charity assists, the Salvation Army is able to pay more for waste paper and to sell it for less. While the ordinary onlooker this action would seem to be utterly ridiculous and unworthy of being taken seriously, it evidently is not to be lightly dismissed. A deputy of the Attorney-General is hearing the case, and should certain contingencies arise, it might reach the point that the Supreme Court will be asked to vacate the Salvation Army's charter. It is impossible for us to believe that such a situation should arise; for no organized charitable association has come so near to reaching the great masses of the needy, none has administered the funds committed to it in a way which afforded to the poor a larger share of the contributions, and no charity is worthy of a more general and generous public support. As for the immediate issue—waste paper—householders will stand up as a city of New York, and say to the Salvation Army: "You are not to be disturbed from collecting waste paper. It is a necessary and useful business, and you are doing it well."

Coolidge and Lloyd George.

President Coolidge sent a notable letter to the chairman of the Overseas Writers, expressing regret at his inability to attend the banquet to Mr. Lloyd George. The President wrote: "I am very certain that his visit to America has been a piece of good fortune for both his country and our own, and for the cause of international accord. During his stay among us, though it has been all too brief, Mr. Lloyd George has voiced the appeal for that better understanding among the nations which must be the base of all good relations. It has been a fine thing for our people to become better acquainted with this eminent leader in civilization's struggle to maintain itself, and I hope he will feel, when he leaves us a few days hence, that his effort in bringing his message to us has not been an entirely vain one."

Five Points.

The Prime Minister, speaking at Swansea, outlined his social programme as follows:—
(1) Peace at home and abroad.
(2) That our national savings should be adequate to furnish the capital required for renewal and extension of our machinery of production.
(3) That neither our employers nor our working men should be unfairly exposed to the merciless attacks of foreign competitors, who were able to shield themselves behind the walls of their own high tariffs.
(4) Although late in the day, we should do our utmost to check that one-sided development of our industries, which had drawn millions of people from the land and upset the healthy proportions which ought to exist between the urban and the rural populations, and
(5) That among the masses of our population, wherever they are situated, every effort should be made to save the standard of life from being reduced.
"That is a comprehensive social policy to which I think myself that most of the people of this country could subscribe," said the Prime Minister.
"The only thing I care is to fight this evil of unemployment and to conquer it. I am prepared to do that, and when the time comes to take my political life in my hands, to stand or fall for the cause."

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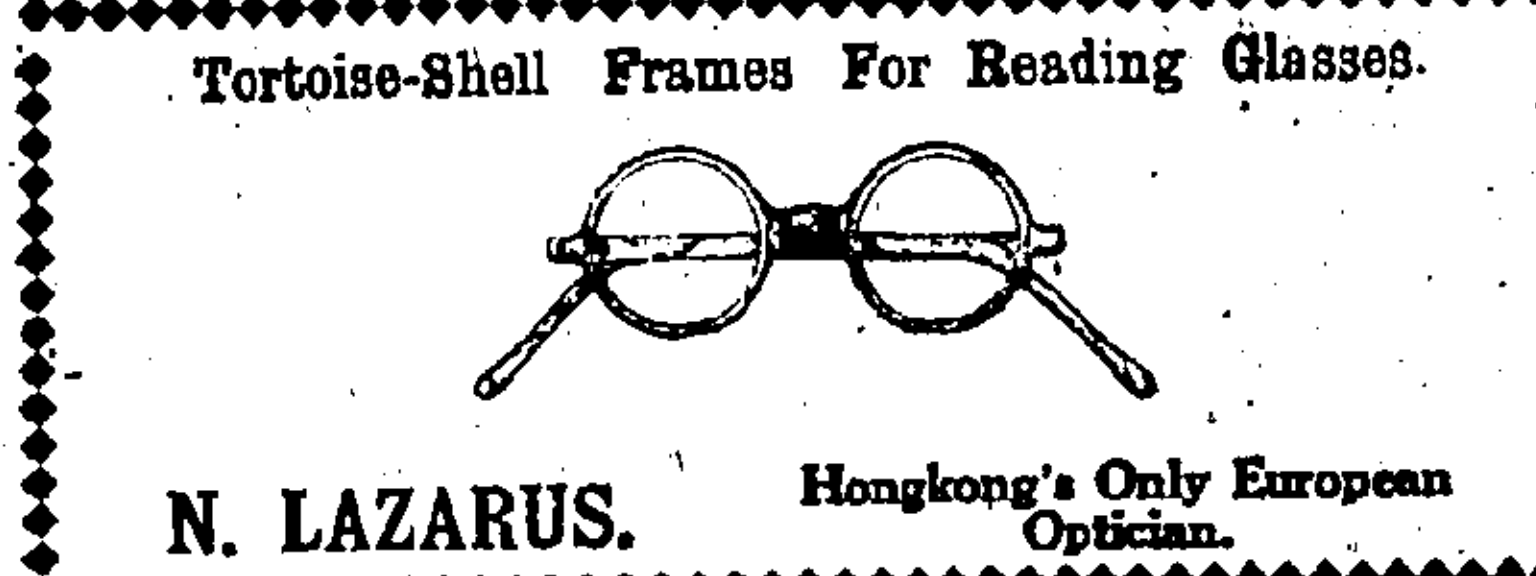
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HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5, 1923.

It may not be considered singular that in dealing with the Colony's needs recently, arising in particular from the suggested Harbour improvements, those concerned had not a moment to spare in dealing with needs which are as imperative, as important and as provocative of the Colony's well being as the outwardly more solid matters discussed. The material must always it seems take precedence of the things less material. It is admittedly easier to do so; the one is what is known as practical; it can be seen, talked about, deliberated upon, and finally, if necessary brought to fruition. Not so the opposite concerns of life. Most of us in our thoughts and deeds are builders; but we build for a time only—now, and for a limited number, and our vision is restricted. The most pressing things in this colony we dare to say are not so much practical as, if you like, mystical. We do not stress again the need there is for a larger share in our corporate and civic life—if we have such a thing; for a greater consideration for the harassed householder, and the underdog in our midst; nor for playgrounds and open spaces; or a City Hall that shall be

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's partisans are now breathing more freely as the result of this pressure along the Kowloon-Canton Railway having been removed. Meanwhile, the question presents itself, what is to become of the armies of Chan Kwong-ming and those of his allies. In such numbers they cannot disarm, and join the banditry. The only course for them is to bide their time and await another opportunity. This means that they will return to their old pastures and force the people to support them. In such proximity, they will remain a thorn in Sun's side. Canton, therefore, would like to see them crushed. But this means that more funds will have to be available before Sun can take up the offensive and carry their fight into his enemies' territory. The other side of the question is how much longer will the Kwangtung public put up with the demands on it to contribute to Sun's war chest. Here it should be pointed out that Sun's main strength consists of the Yunnanese who ousted Chan towards the end of last year and established themselves in power. People who know say that they comprise the remnants of two Yunnan divisions previously under Fong Shing-to and Cheng Hoi-yu, which were gradually ruined because of the drag on the Kwangtung coffers. The vernacular press contains accounts of strikes, of further stoppages, by whole communities and towns, as a protest against what they consider unlawful levies. Trade is held up by the disorder and the activities of press gangs and the once prosperous province is given over to disorder. Not even the most sanguine prophets care to predict what will be the outcome of it all. There is one aspect which, however, is quite evident and that is, judging by the number of officials, military commanders and monopoly magnates who bolted down here when danger threatened and have since returned to Canton, the possibility of Sun being expelled, has disappeared for the present.

While attention is concentrated on the many schemes for making Hongkong a better place to live in, it would not be amiss to remind those who shape the public destinies that more could be done to encourage native supplies of food. The Colony is to a very large extent dependent on other countries for its supply of raw food products. It would be idle to pretend that much could be done towards starting a preserved foods industry but there are experts who sincerely believe that local agriculture could be gone into with profit. In the New Territories at present, we have a semblance of rice cultivation and cattle are also reared in small numbers. On market days, farmers also bring considerable quantities of eggs to be disposed of, while pig rearing is carried on by each household. During the Seamen's strike, Hongkong's isolation as regards the import of food necessities was emphasised. With the imposition of levies by militarist up-country, householders still feel the pinch of high prices, which must follow. It is felt that if men with both theoretical and practical experience of agriculture were brought out and a sum of money voted for the purpose much good could be done towards getting the more remote parts of the Territories under cultivation and thereby reduce the necessity of having entirely to look to Wuchow for our cattle and poultry and Saigon and Bangkok for rice shipments. Benefit will also accrue from an economic point of view.

APALLING. Catastrophes are the very devil: They unnerve and unbalance, and they even kill. Listen then to this tale of woe which caused almost a riot, wrecked the peace of mind of at least one man, and spoiled the cumulative efforts of not a few who have been labouring almost nightly in the sacred cause of dramatic art. The R.U.R. play had proceeded satisfactorily during two acts and a bitlock; but when the close of a third act that never had been seen in Hongkong or centuries, or will be again, the number had rung the tele-

phone bell in the right place (for a wonder—thanks) to a fortifying bottle of beer) had noted when a friend of a dagger-holding Roboto had stabbed the mangled Domains in the back and raised his bloody sword to beseech the Americans. A hired carrier had noted all this as he lay and had passed the

A REASON We have heard curious reasons given by people for admission to certain select circles but not one to equal that given by a wealthy Chicago pork merchant who was anxious to become a member of an Author's Club. When asked what his qualifications were, he replied that he had made a large fortune by the pen!

MUSIC If we are to believe Mr. Harry Ore, he has given his last public piano recital in Hongkong. Indifference as displayed by "thin" audiences, losses, or meagre returns, in contrast to the enthusiasm in Canton and Macao, is given as the reason. Hongkong, musically, has been weighed in the scales, and found wanting. It returned to the old cry again of "Is Hongkong musical" and seems to answer Monday night's recital should have been historic. Here were provided examples not only from the Masters, but the work of two local men was submitted. Any similarity to the Continent would have been seen to it that such an occasion was not left to mere and sheer caprice. Those with the love of music and their taste would have seen that encouragement and forthcoming of no uncertain kind. But here, where doubtless every home possesses a piano or a gramophone with record or two of classical examples, the interest is confined to a few, and the few come and

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(Service.)
Small service is true service while
it lasts;
Of friends, however humble, scorn
not one.

DECEMBER 5.

1710. So I went to the Court o
Requests (we have had th
devil and all of rain by the by
to pick up a dinner.—*Suiff.*

Life is everything. Life is God. All is changing and moving, and that notion is God. And while there is life, there is joy of the consciousness of the Godhead. To love life is to love God. The hardest and most blessed thing is to love this life in one's sufferings, in undeserved suffering.

**Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.**

December 5.—Coronet Theatre
"Orphans of the Storm."
December 5.—Star Theatre
Italian Grand Opera Co., in "Forza
del Destino."
December 5.—World Theatre
"Through a Glass Window"
December 5.—The Grand
Theatre; Mary Pickford
"Through the Back Door."
December 8-10-12-15.—Theatre
Royal, Hongkong Amateur
Dramatic Club presents the famous
Robot Play the "R.U.R." 9.15 p.m.

and entertainment in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

December 18.—Hongkong Philharmonic Society, Grand Concert, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

BAZAAR.

December 8.—Hongkong Women's Guild and M. C. L's Grand Fête and sale of work in the grounds of Government House, 2 p.m.

December 5—Lammert Bros., Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of Postage stamps, 515 p.m.

December 6—Lammert Bros., Sales Rooms, valuable articles, Jewellery, 11 a.m.

December 7—Lammert Bros., Sales Rooms, valuable leasehold property at Kennedy Road, 3 p.m.

December 8—Lammert Bros., Sales Rooms, suit lengths, rain coats, etc., 11 a.m.

December 10—Lammert Bros., Sales Rooms, Chinese silk embroidered and grass cloth goods, 2.30 p.m.

December 21—Lammert Bros., Sawing, machinery plant and tanning chemicals of the Hong Kong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd. at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.

December 10.—Queen's College, Old Boys' Assn. meeting in the College Hall, 4:30 p.m.

The married N.C.O.'s and m
of the Garrison have been invited
attend the dress rehearsal of t
A.D.C.'s production R.U.R.,
morrow evening.

Leading articles in this issue of the *China Mail* deal with Rotas, the Kwongtung political outlook and the desirability of encouraging food production.

R.O.R. picked out in electric lights outside the theatre is a latest striking device to remind passers by that the Robots must soon be believed.

The ex-Active Service Military Association Sale, by auction, of poppies added \$671 to the fund. \$689 was the amount realised in similar manner at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

row (Thursday, December 6
at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, obtainable
from the Secretary, \$1.00 each
Advt.

54 years of age, from the N. Territories, was accidentally knocked over yesterday by motor car 335, belonging to the Dra. Garage. She had a leg broken and also suffered other injuries.

Courts is any criterion, crime in Hongkong must be on the increase at present as the number of "new" cases at the Magistracy morning was unusually small—were got through in quick time.

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in 1930 (the earliest date).

A meeting of the San Francisco Board was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. G. R. Sayer presided and there were also present Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Dr. Ozon, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwatin, Dr. W. W. Pearse (Medical Officer) and Mr. J. A. Priddy (Secretary). There was no business of public interest.

upon its last two days at
Coronet to-day. To those
have not seen it only one thing
need be said, and that is not
leave it until too late. Big crowds
are sure to be the order, and the
picture is of the kind that appeals
all classes, with its excellent
of real drama, with simple pathos.

The following letter has been received from the Acting British Consul at Yokohama: "I beg to inform you that I have received a letter from the Mayor of Yokohama acknowledging the receipt of 1133 pieces of material for houses, shipped on the s.s. 'Bombay Maru' by the Hong Kong Relief Committee. The Mayor asks me to convey his thanks to the Hong Kong Relief Committee for their sympathy and most generous contribution given to help the suffering people of Yokohama. He adds that the material will be used to rebuild the Municipal Hospital (Queen Byon) which was destroyed

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. A. A. Claxton was a singer on the outgoing "Eastern."

Mr. C. E. Weston was last night installed Worshipful Master of Zealand Lodge of Freemasons.

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IN BRIEF.

NINE MEN.

Cardiff Port workers are on strike.

Election contests in Ulster are described as lively.

The new German Chancellor has made a plea for unity.

The sensational decline in the raw cotton market is explained.

Machperson's (the Rugby player's) suspension has been raised.

Six masked men shot an Irish Civic Guard Sergeant at Scartaglin, Ireland.

One of the election candidates has died. A writ for a new election will be issued.

The formation of a National Air Company with a capital of £1,000,000 is mooted.

The question of Ruhr resistance is again the subject of decisions on the part of the French and Belgian Governments.

Mr. Baldwin on the eve of the election has issued a manifesto surveying post-war conditions in Britain and invites a mandate.

A Washington cable reports that the proposed ship liquor and liquor in transit treaty, was delivered at the State Department yesterday.

GENERAL.

The French Government has been defeated on its Electoral Bill. The Government is said to be more vulnerable in its home politics than in its foreign.

CANTON SITUATION.

STILL ANOTHER INVASION.

OMINOUS PORTENTS.

News gleaned from travellers from Canton show that interest has now diverted to the North River where it is stated, Sun Yat-sen's men are now preparing to resist another invasion. Hitherto little danger has threatened from this direction as the troops that did get down were repulsed. Excepting for minor local disorder and the activities of bandit gangs along the East River and the Kowloon-Canton Railway, nothing important has occurred in this region. Confirmation has been forthcoming for the statement made a couple of weeks ago that Sun's Cantonese adherents were gradually leaving him. It is now definitely reported that the Finance Commissioner, Chow Loo, whose wife was shot in Hongkong as she stepped off the s.s. "Kinsan," has resigned and that a successor has been appointed. There has been much heartburning in the ranks of the Generalissimo's supporters on account of his handing over what amounts to supreme control of the province to the Yunnanese. As one merchant aptly puts it, Sun has placed himself at the mercy of the non-Cantonese troops. The Yunnanese are easily the strongest and best-equipped army in Kwangtung and all the plums of office are in their hands. Pro-Chan politicians are making capital of this as they hint that a rupture will occur soon and that the province will be given over to the non-natives to enrich themselves at the expense of the Cantonese. This merchant vouched for a statement that none of the proceeds from the Fan-tan monopoly ever get into Sun's hand as the Yunnanese generals retain the lot for themselves. He predicts that the split will come when Sun cannot pander to their demands any longer, or when the public, like the worm, turns against the military despots.

ARMS ON SHIP.

SAILORS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Three sailors from the motor ship "Malaya" named George Holte (23), Peter Thorsen (24) and Ole Polson (28) respectively, were yesterday committed for trial at the Sessions by Mr. J. R. Wood on a charge of possession of arms without a permit from the C.S.P.

As reported in Saturday's China Mail, a number of Continental automatic pistols and ammunition were found on the ship in cabins alleged to have been occupied by defendants.

Do You Dread the Night?

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CHARIVARIA.

SATURDAY TO MONDAY FEELING.

The cooled weather surely.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock says he has seen kids being skinned. That beats us. We have only seen them tanned.

The first use Man made of his new power of expression was to tell a lie—a frigid and calculated lie, says Mr. Rudyard Kipling. Then he commenced to play golf.

Kowloon: The higher the flat, the lower the rent; the bigger the flat, the higher the rent.

The mention of Christmas puddings suggests a stirring time.

Some women are never satisfied with the wages their husbands give them. And they say women don't count!

Does anyone who knows think that the prison is a reforming influence? asks Sir Robert Wallace. Personally, we should need time satisfactorily to answer the question.

Overheard at the Gymkhana: "In picking winners one has to be a geometer."

A scientist declares that our faces are growing longer. Someone has told him of Kowloon's Flat dwellers.

Some women's evening dress suggests that they bare themselves with equanimity.

Definition: Golf. Three acres and a ball.

Southall Council has decided to abandon the collection of rates by means of adhesive stamps. Apparently they couldn't stick it any longer.

A drummer in a jazz band, charged with drunkenness, pleaded that he had only a couple of drinks. Two swallows, of course, don't make a drummer.

"During the whole luncheon, says a novel, 'he hardly took his eye off her.' Table doting.

Salesmanship is an art, which may be acquired by sharp practice.

The average woman gives far more attention to her face than any one else does.

A London paper asks "What is wrong with sermons?" Perhaps they have no breadth and too much length.

Anxious enquirer:—Yes! Picture palaces may be considered as real estate.

The Champion wrestler of the world is a Russian Jew. Excels probably at Jew-jitsu.

We hear of a bald player at a whist drive winning the first prize—hair brushes and a comb. Surely this can be described as a Bald win.

A cricketer named Andrew Macintosh has invented a pneumatic pad for batsmen. This Macintosh will cover a multitude of shins!

Pinnomakers are the latest to agitate for an increase in wages. They think they've been working too long on the old scale.

Advice:—Don't make fun of the man who is not as "successful" as you are. He may have more conscience than you have.

'Onion-juice rubbed well into the skin,' says a contemporary, 'will keep away all pests.' We believe it, but would like to hear of a recipe that keeps away the pest who does this.

To-day's Pulsating Thought:—One touch of haggis makes a Scotchman grin.

POPPY DAY.

RESULTS OF HONGKONG APPEAL.

The China Mail has received a copy of the audited balance sheet of the collection on November 10, in aid of Earl Haig's Fund, which shows that as a result of the Appeal the sum of £1,026.94 was telegraphed to Earl Haig's Fund on 20th November. The gross receipts amounted to \$9,025.22, and after deduction of expenses (\$318.84), the balance of \$8,706.38 was remitted at exchange 2s. 3½d.

The Sub-Committee wish to express their indebtedness to the large number of people who assisted in various ways to make the Appeal a success, especially to the ladies who helped in collecting, organising districts, at the depot and in the preliminary work, and to a number of well-wishers who donated sums of \$500 (1) \$200 (2), \$100 (4) and several smaller amounts whose support made the above result possible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—In the interests of outdoor sport in general and the common desire to have more hours of sunshine available for recreation and leisure, I respectfully suggest that the Hongkong standard time be put forward one hour in winter. As a newcomer, I have discussed the matter with friends who have told me that my idea is not new here, that it has been discussed and found impracticable. As an optimist, I crave the courtesy of your columns to make amongst the smouldering ashes, I sincerely believe that the majority of the thinking public have the matter at heart and it requires only the influence of some public-spirited enthusiasts to sponsor it through. Looking at the matter from the point of view of one who wishes a turn at the cricket nets or best of three sets at tennis, I think most of the inconveniences will be counterbalanced by the benefit of an extra hour of sunlight. There are others, also, who will welcome an extra hour of sunlight after the day's work. My suggestion is that either the clock be put forward an hour, or the office hours be changed from 8 to 4 with the usual lunch interval. Or a compromise could be made by the boom of half an hour. The Standard Oil Co.'s hours are 8.30 to 4.30 and their large staff finds no inconvenience. This means that this company's employees get half an hour's more daylight at their disposal after work, which I submit, is highly beneficial. If the standard time arrangement bars the way to changing the clock could not a concession be made by making winter office hours from 8.30 to 4.00 or 4.30, or even 9.00 to 4.30. Everybody talks of dull times and if that is the case, pressure of work will not forbid this boon. With one or two exceptions our recreation facilities are some distance from the business centre but nevertheless the number of people interested in sport of one kind or another, is legion. Am I, Mr. Editor, hoping for too much in asking for this? Or will the usually lethargic public make a move to get something which the majority will appreciate?

Yours, etc.,

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Hongkong, December 3.

RUGGER RAGGINGS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Whilst acknowledging that "Scrimmage" appears conversant with the game of which he writes and appreciating that his criticisms are intended to be constructive rather than destructive, may I suggest that a more polite form of criticism could well take the place of the rudeness which has been, up to date, the medium through which his opinions have been voiced. Enclosing my card.

I am,

Yours, etc.,

A PLAYER.

Hongkong, December 4.

M.C.L.

SATURDAY'S FETE.

The annual transformation of Government House Grounds into a huge Vanity Fair is now almost due. Efforts of the various branches of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League will reach their culmination in a strenuous "drive" to secure for charitable societies in Hongkong and at Home the generous measure of support which they have come to expect from Britain's most Eastern Colony. It is appropriate that the charities aided by the annual Charity Bazaar are principally concerned in work on behalf of women and children.

No sooner is one bazaar over than the various branches of the organisation resume their work in readiness for the next. The Naval and Dockyard Branch, which always aims at a novel setting, is this year making its display in a model of H.M.S. "Tamar" and tenders; the military staff operates from "The Fort"; Kowloon Dock Branch marshals a ready band of workers and the ladies of the Police Branch pursue good works with the enthusiasm with which their husbands pursue criminals. The principal Girls' Schools of the Colony have their full share in the bazaar, and an interesting new feature this year is a stall supplied by the Children's Club, an organisation which aims at bringing the little people together for mutual and general benefit.

A great number of attractions are provided for visitors and those who cannot attend will have an opportunity of subscribing for a handsome souvenir programme for which a most artistic cover has been designed by Mr. A. K. Kido.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the Sale, by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 10th day of December, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of five Lots of CROWN LAND at Hutton Road and on the New Road containing hillside above Conduit Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 70 years.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD YEAR (1914) OF THE REPUBLIC.

SUBSCRIBERS are hereby notified that the Sixth Drawing of the Third Year Loan (\$2,750,000) will be held, as announced by the Loan Bureau of the Ministry of Finance, in Peking on 1st December, and that payment of Bonds then drawn will begin on the 31st of that month.

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F. A. AGLEN.

Inspector General of Customs, Inspectorate General of Customs, Peking, 26th November, 1923.

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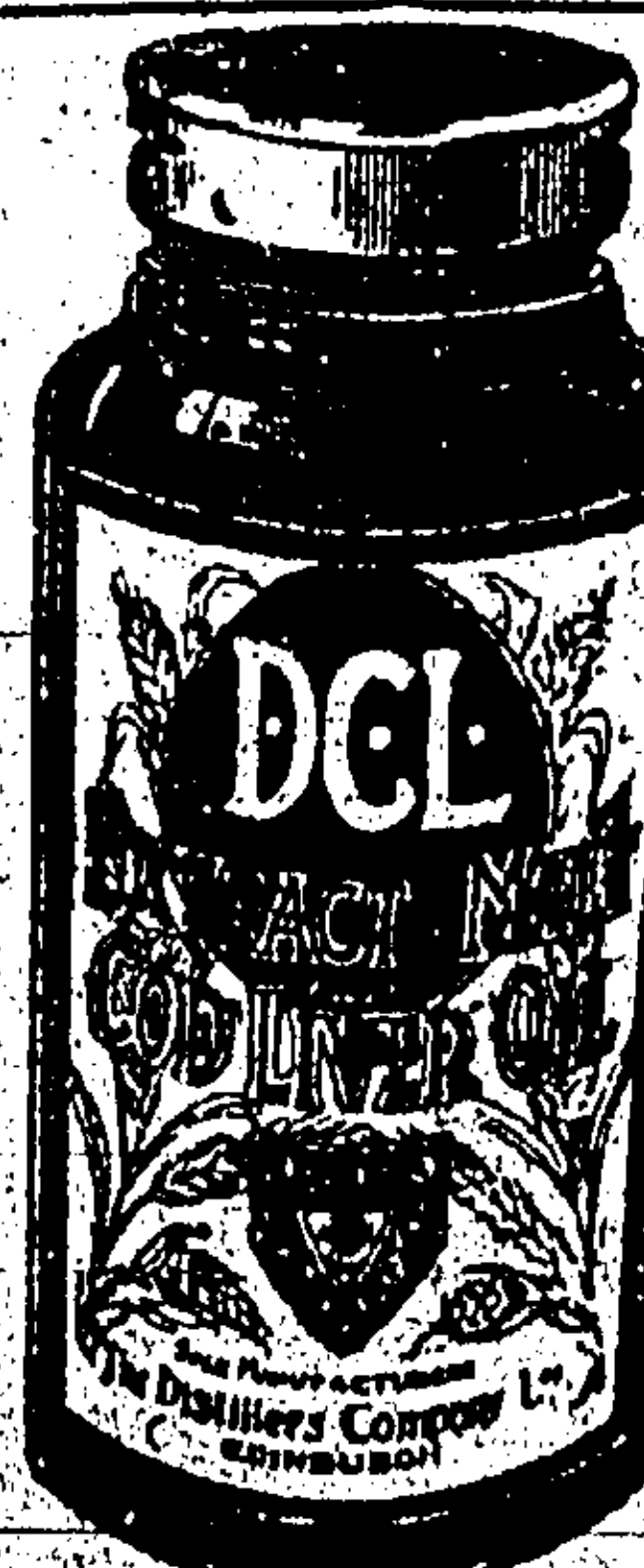
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HONGKONG TRAFFIC.

EIGHTY RICSHAS RESTRICTED.

As exclusively reported in the *China Mail* at the time, the Police traffic office has reduced the number of public rickshas on this side of the harbour. At present there are lying idle in the Central Station compound some eighty vehicles, the pullers of which are alleged to have infringed the traffic regulations. This has reduced the total number of rickshas plying for hire on the Hongkong lower levels to one thousand one hundred and seventy.

In connection with the plans for street cars, it is also learnt that a committee is going into the whole question of Hongkong traffic but no decision has been arrived at yet.

SPORT.

GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The Captain's Cup Competition, played at Fanling on December 1, 2, and 3 was won by Mr. E. C. Wrey, 94-20-74.

JASPER CLARK CUP.

The result of the Jasper Clark Cup Competition, played at Fanling on December 2, was as follows—
Major H. G.

Gandy 46, 36, 41, 41—164
Colonel B.A. Hill 41, 40, 44, 41—166
G. Murray 42, 44, 37, 44—167
R. M. Smith 46, 43, 41, 39—169
R. A. Camidge 47, 39, 41, 44—171
W. Galloway 39, 41, 44, 49—173
H. R. Buckland 45, 48, 40, 41—174

GRAND OPERA COMPANY.

FORZA DEL DESTINO TO-NIGHT.

The Italian Grand Opera Co., will offer Verdi's "Forza Del Destino" to-night at the Star. Although probably a little overshadowed in England and America by the composer's other big works, this opera is held in very high esteem on the Continent and indeed, is considered to stand out alone in its wealth of interpretative melody.

Last night's bill was "La Boheme" in which the artistes gave further evidence of their versatility. The lighter scenes were handled in pleasing fashion, and the more dramatic arias sung in the usual competent manner.

Saturday promises to be a red-letter day, as in addition to "Carmen" at night, a special matinee performance of the ever-welcome "Rigoletto" is announced.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General at 1 p.m. to-day:—Cyclone or typhoon S.W. of Manila moving West.

Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N. (Marine Magistrate and Harbour Master) is laid up. He became unwell on Saturday last whilst at work and was ordered by his doctor to rest for a few days. The Assistant Harbour Master (Lieut. Conway Blake, R.N.) is suffering from an attack of fever but is able to attend to his duties.

ENGAGED.

MARRIED MAN'S EXPLOITS.

How a married man separated from his wife imposed on girls with whom he kept company was told at St. Albans police-court.

The plausibility of the man, Arnold Cavendish Poyner, thirty-four, an educated man, hailing from Cannock, Staffordshire, was amazing.

But for his misdeeds—two charges of false pretences were laid against him—he has now been sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

It is alleged that he had obtained board and lodging to the value of £23, and also certain goods, by representing that he was employed as a master at St. Albans School, whereas he was actually out of work.

In an eloquent appeal to the Bench to be placed on probation, Poyner said that he had admitted the fact that he was out of work he would have been homeless.

He was living in daily hope of obtaining employment so that he could discharge the debts he had incurred.

Something of Poyner's powers to charm young women was disclosed by Detective-sergeant Paine. He stated that Poyner had been educated for the scholastic profession, but failed to pass his examination.

It was in December last that he went to St. Albans. First he incurred a debt at a boarding-house, and to pay this he obtained 30s. from a local man by saying that he had lost his wallet and £27.

That money was eventually repaid by a young lady whose acquaintance Poyner had made in St. Albans.

Poyner, said the officer, had lived apart from his wife for four years. Papers found in his possession showed that he had been engaged to be married to two girls and at the same time he was keeping company with a third. During his stay at St. Albans he had apparently captivated another young woman, and he had had several sums of money from her. At the time of his arrest he was negotiating for the rental of a house or flat at Eastbourne, and had been making inquiries with reference to marriage.

Now his plans have been sadly interfered with by the sentence of the Courts.

PRIEST CHARGED.

STORY OF A WOMAN.

The Rev. Giuseppe Spiteri, 39, a Roman Catholic priest, was at Bow street remanded on a charge under the Fugitive Offenders Act, of fraud within the jurisdiction of the Government of Malta.

Detective-Sergeant Keech, of Scotland Yard, said that he found Spiteri in custody on Saturday at Liverpool, where he had been arrested while on the way from Malta to Quebec with a woman. When the warrant was read to him he said he had borrowed £70 from a friend to go to Quebec and denied that he had made any false statement.

In his possession were found £20 in cash, 13 travellers' cheques for £10 each, and a police permit authorising him and the young woman to leave Malta. He said that £50 of the money belonged to the woman.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

FLOUR RATES.

This morning, the leading Chinese flour dealers quoted for "spot" goods—basis usual—guillotine per sack of 50 lbs.—

Mollusc Fairy \$2.82
Banana 2.82
Dayton 2.84
White Rose 2.78
C. and C. 2.85
Melon 2.80
White Greens 2.90
Tiger Shield 2.95
Kingsfisher 2.90

RICE QUOTATIONS.
Chinese importers' quotations this morning, per picul, were:—
No. 1 Siam long white (superior) \$8.50, (ordinary) \$8.28, No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.40.

SUGAR PRICES.
In Nan Pak Hong this morning, business was done at \$16.15 per picul for No. 24 Java rough white. No. 24 fine white was nominal at \$16.50 and No. 18 rough brown changed hands in small quantities at \$15.72.

COMPANY REPORT.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., will be held in London on December 10, 1929, when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1929, will be submitted.

EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £134,199 made up as follows:—
Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profit, China

Interest £422,102
Interest in Europe 5,044
Agency Fees 6,000
Sundry Receipts 146
Balance brought forward 5,945

£439,237

DEDUCT.

Europe £15,768
Cost of New Coupons and Shares 3,412
Warrants 4,200
Exchange 12,444
Income Tax 140,114
Corporation Profits Tax 24,100
Interim Dividend paid 30/5/1929 105,000

305,038

Leaving a net balance of £134,199

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—
Final Dividend 8½ per cent (free of Income Tax) £119,000
Directors' Percentage 4,662
Balance carried forward 10,537

£134,199

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Owing to illness, Miss C. M. Davis, who with Miss Griff was joint managing director, has retired, and two other women, the Hon. Gabrielle Barthwick and Lady Gertrude Crawford, have joined the board as directors.

Miss Barthwick, who is the daughter of a former Lord Borthwick, is the governing director of Borthwick Ganges, Ltd., whose principal premises are in Brick-street, W.

Lady Gertrude Crawford, who is a sister of the Earl of Sifton, is also a director of Borthwick Ganges, Ltd. She is the only woman free-man of the Turners Company. She was chief superintendent of the Women's Royal Air Force.

BILLIARDS.

CLUB DE RECREIO WIN EASILY.

At the V.R.C. last night, the Club de Recreio had a easy time with the Catholic 1st Union Club, winning the first two games and getting a walk-over in the third. Scores follow:—

RECREIO. C.U.C. 50
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F. Barradas 250 A. T. 233
E. Remedios, W. O. Opponent absent.

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YELLOW RIVER.

RECLAMATION SUCCESSFUL.

Official inspection of the Yellow River reclamation work, which was carried out by the Asia Development Company, was held on November 2, at Lincheng, Shantung province, and found entirely satisfactory.

The waters have now been turned into a new leading channel and the work is guaranteed until July 1, 1924. The scheme cost \$1,500,000 of which \$1,140,000 was raised by the civil governor of Shantung province and the remainder by the International Famine Relief Association.

In August, 1921 the river broke through the North dyke at Kung Ching Ko. The principal breach occurred at a sharp bend about eight miles above the city of Lincheng, and the waters, spreading over portions of five helen, inundated approximately five hundred towns and villages and deprived a quarter of a million people of their homes and lands.

Hsiung Ping-chi, Civil Governor of Shantung province, signed a contract with the Asia Development Company to repair the gap and reclaim the land in August, 1922. Work was started in December and, except for various details, completed in May this year.

The contractors cut a new channel some 6,000 feet in length and 200 feet in depth to eliminate the sharp bend of the original course. Another channel acted as a leader for the waters, the plan being that the current would carry out the excavated earth. As a matter of fact, it is estimated by engineers that ten times the amount of earth excavated to make the leader channel has been carried away by the current.

To reclaim the inundated land, a dam was constructed across the waters. A temporary bridge was first erected by means of Oregon piles from 60 to 80 feet long. Then a light railway was laid over it. Thousands of tons of rock were thus brought to the bridge and dumped into the waters, forming a dam which forced the water into the new channel. The rock was brought more than a hundred miles down the river by junk. At one time 400 boats were in use.

Finally, the dam was sealed and made watertight with sand and earth. Now that the work is accomplished, tens of thousands of refugees are preparing to recolonise the land which was submerged for two years.

Since the waters were diverted back to the original course, the Asia Development Company has made frequent inspections of the undertaking. Some idea of the extent of the project may be gained from the fact that at one time as many as 23,500 labourers were employed.

Paul Page Witham is president of the company and L. F. Patstone was the chief engineer in charge of the work. *Chinese Economic Bulletin.*

PIKE FILM ACTOR!

JUGGLING WITH BAIT.

An annoyed pike at the London Zoo may shortly appear on the "films."

Nearly everything else showing the art of catching these fish had been recorded, but the actual taking of the bait had still to be photographed so the camera experts went to the Fish House at the Zoo.

Dinner was delayed so that the funny actor should "register" the fierce enthusiasm proper to the act. Then a line was skillfully baited with a dead fish. This made a few feet of "close-up" in the end to reveal the real secret of this branch of the art of angling. The hook was removed before the bait was dropped into the glass tank, for there was no desire to damage the unwilling actor.

A searchlight of 2,000 candle-power was focussed on the fish and the picture started. There was a swoop, and the grim jaws had gripped the bait, holding it crossways. The pike next juggled with his mouthful, making little snaps and jerks so as to work it round until he had the head in his teeth. Then the bait was engulfed, and an imaginary angler (the man holding the other end of the gut-line) struck.

You saw the pike's indignant struggle to keep his prize, and as he was dragged nearer the surface you watched him come to the decision that the dead fish was dear at the price. As the bait was disgorged the camera stopped.

An attempt to get further pictures was foiled by the fish. No sooner was the spotlight moved his way than he was off to find a dark corner in the tank. He twisted and doubled until the attempt was abandoned.

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NO APPRENTICES.

OUR DISAPPEARING CRAFTSMEN.

British apprentices, who have been the backbone of British industry, are a falling quantity, so much so that now craftsmen are not forthcoming and the skilled trades can find no recruits.

More than 2,000 pioneers engaged in the building trade in Glasgow have stopped work because of a dispute concerning the interpretation of a new working agreement drafted by the National Wages and Conditions Council for the building industry.

This is the kind of dispute that is paralysing the building trade. There is no one to take the place of the skilled hands. The people are clamouring for houses, the builders cannot provide the men to erect them because the skilled worker is either going abroad or going on strike.

Everywhere the British bricklayer is wanted, and official figures show that for every 100 vacancies notified for bricklayers to the Labour Exchanges only 60 have been filled for some time past.

British bricklayers in the United States are earning £12 to £14 a week. The official rate for bricklayers in London at present is 1s. 7½d. an hour, or 7½s. 6d. for a 44-hours week.

THROTTLED TRADES.
There is a good deal of speculative housebuilding just now, said Mr. A. Brown, secretary of the London Master Builders Association, and local builders are absorbing the bricklayers and paying them higher rates than the federation members are allowed to pay. The only remedy is to train more apprentices.

Building, engineering, shipbuilding are being throttled by a dearth of apprentices. Boys will not work five or seven years at a trade at a small wage when they can get a much higher price for casual labour. Boys leaving school take a casual job because their parents will not support them during an apprenticeship term.

The secondary schools are turning out boys who, having ambitions above a trade, enter the overcrowded markets of the desk men.

Builders cannot get bricklayers, shipbuilders cannot get trained artisans, farmers cannot get skilled workers, watchmakers cannot get assistants; and everywhere is the paradox of employers wanting labour and labour unable to find employers.

PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD.

INQUIRY TO BE PRIVATE.

It has been decided by the committee appointed to inquire into the question of preservatives and colouring matters in food to hold their sittings in camera.

There is no certainty that a report will be published at the end of the inquiry.

There may be sound reasons for this decision, writes a medical correspondent, but the matter is one of great importance to the consumer, and it would be better if information were available from day to day, as the inquiry proceeds, regarding to kind of drugs people consume when they eat potted meats, jams, sausages, hams, and so on.

The appointment of the committee of inquiry (Sir H. O. Monro, chairman) followed the frequent publication of examples of the excessive use of preservatives in food, and of medical and other opinions on the danger this causes to public health.

TEETOTALERS AND WINE.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING DRUNK.

Teetotalers are among the best customers of wine merchants said Mr. E. Rutherford, chairman of the Wine and Spirit Trade Defence Fund, at an international conference of anti-Prohibitionists at the Savoy Hotel.

In his view it makes all the difference between profit and loss to the wine merchant to have those teetotal clients "who take just a little drop to make them sleep; make the Christmas pudding almost drunk and disorderly with brandy sauce; and maintain that port, though twice as strong as claret, is a teetotal beverage."

Prohibition became an imminent menace, wine merchants could within two to three years make their fortunes by filling up the cellars of their fellow-countrymen before the "dry" days began. Mr. H. F. Fox (United States) said that police statistics in his country, while showing more drunkenness under Prohibition, did not tell of what was going on in the people's homes or behind closed doors in private clubs and social organisations. There had been a startling increase in motor accidents due to drunken drivers; to suicides and murders.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

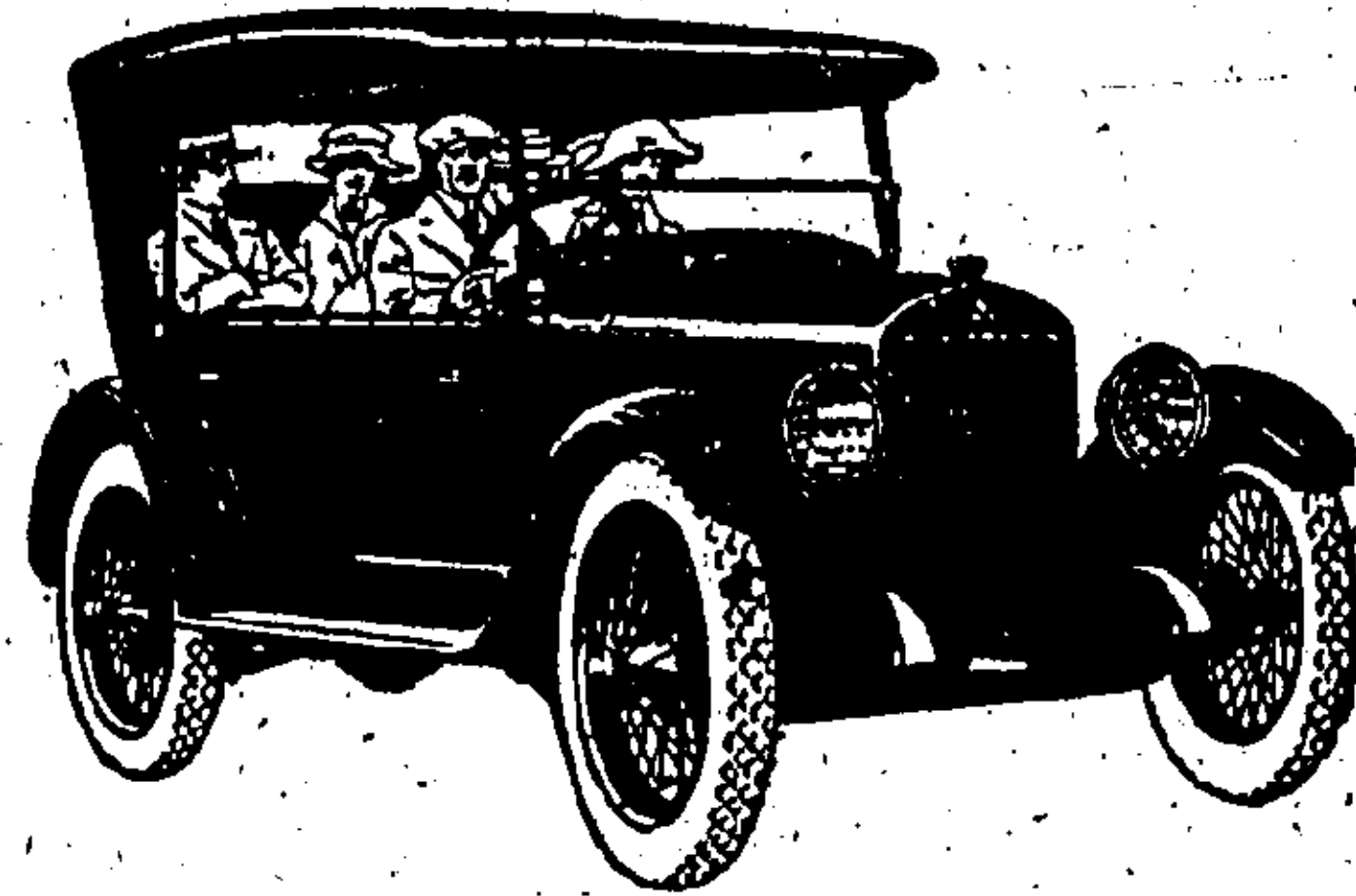
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WARNING A PRIEST.

"TO SAVE MORALS."

After giving a serious warning to a Roman Catholic priest, Sir Henry Duke, in the Divorce Court, decided that a marriage "to save a girl from the shipwreck of her morals and faith" was not legally valid.

The case was one in which Cicely Mary Percival of Earls-terrace, W., petitioned for a restitution decree against Mr. Horace A. B. Percival. There was no defence.

Mr. Bayford, K.C., for the woman, said a child had been born. The people were with a theatrical touring company at Halifax, and Mrs. Percival went to a Roman Catholic priest with a view to getting married.

REGISTRAR NOT PRESENT. Mr. Percival was not a Roman Catholic. The priest told them that he could perform a ceremony at his church, but they must go before the registrar and go through a civil ceremony.

The ceremony was performed in a church and the registrar was not present. Evidence was given by Father James Grogan, who said he was connected with St. Patrick's Church, New North-road, Huddersfield.

Informed by the President that he might expose himself to proceedings after giving evidence, Father Grogan replied: "I was not aware of that."

Sir Henry: Are you willing to give evidence? You are not bound to—I am willing.

Father Grogan said when he was an assistant priest at St. Mary's Church, Halifax, the woman came to him and said she wanted to get married.

There was no time to obtain a special licence to keep her from shipwreck of her morals and faith, said Father Grogan, and he thought the only thing to do was to marry them.

LAW AND MARRIAGE. He told them that it was necessary for them to go before a registrar as soon as possible and to go through a civil ceremony. They said they would do so.

Father Grogan said that he was not an authorised person, and no person authorised by English law was there.

Sir Henry Duke said he must dismiss the suit, and grant a decree declaring the marriage invalid.

He said he must also point out that a person who solemnised a marriage knowing it to be null and void, would be guilty of felony.

Whether this would be the end of the matter, he said, he did not know.

FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Stories of distinguished people in their delightful moments abound in Mr. Walter Sichel's fascinating memoirs, "The Sands of Time" (Hutchinson, 18s.), just published.

Mr. Sichel records this as the best story about Oscar Wilde:

He was at a party, when the discussion turned on who really discovered America. An aggressive New Yorker repeated blatantly more than once, "I tell you, sir, that it was the great Columbus who first discovered our great country."

Wilde softly inquired whether a certain adventurous Don Amerigo had not given his name to the continent just before Columbus found it.

Still the Yankee persisted. "I see," sighed Wilde, "of course you must be right, though I fancy I can explain the anomaly. Don Amerigo discovered it first, but it was hushed up."

Sarah Bernhardt dared to rebuke King Edward, when Prince of Wales:

Always the pink of politeness, he had somehow forgotten to remove his opera-hat when he entered her room in the Gaiety Theatre to pay his compliments.

"Monseigneur," she urged "on n'ôte pas sa couronne, mais on ôte son chapeau." (One does not remove one's crown, but one does remove one's hat).

Labouchere, as member for Northampton, had once most reluctantly to go down for a meeting and an address that bored him to tears.

When his turn came for a speech to an audience composed of Dissenters, he gravely assured them that an important engagement in town must make brevity the soul of his wit. And then taking out his watch: "My friends," he said, "I am a great believer in silent prayer. Let us pray." Down all of them flopped on their knees, but after five minutes of these devotions with closed eyes, Labouchere himself had disappeared.

Just after Lord Haldane returned from his much-discussed visit to Berlin before the war, Mr. Sichel met him at luncheon:

I sat next to him over the wine, and he honoured me by an account of that odd errand. "The Kaiser," it would seem, had examined the plans for our Territorial and claimed to have originated them, saying, so far as I remember, for the phrase tickled me: "You will find them all in Grandma's drawers at Windsor."

GETTING TOGETHER.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN CHINA.

Co-operative societies in China are mainly organised by consumers or for financial purposes. It is doubtful if there are any producers' societies on the model of those abroad, says the *Chinese Economic Bulletin*.

Consumers' societies are mostly organised by students. Some of them sell books, and some deal in all kinds of domestic manufactures. The students of the Peking National University have established three such societies, two of the former kind and one of the latter, while students of other schools in Peking and elsewhere have established similar societies. (The best-known is the National University Co-operative Store. Some business men also open stores on a similar basis, that is, they sell goods at a discount to the shareholders. But the goods are not specially intended for the consumption of the shareholders, and the stores cannot therefore be considered as really co-operative. The same is true with regard to the "domestic products" stores of the students. These stores do not affect the regular commercial activities of the country very much.

Manchuria has many savings societies established by Chinese people, most of which are co-operative in nature. They provide for loans to members at very reasonable interest rates, as well as easy terms of repayment.

Many schools, like the National University, the Nankai University, the Canton Christian College, the Fudan University, have students' savings banks which are co-operative in nature, offering financial accommodation to needy students, and sometimes to teachers and staff members. There are some school savings banks, however, like that of the Tsing Hua College, which are not co-operative in nature, but merely safekeeping and handling the money of the students and give them some practical experience in banking transactions.

The Salt Industrial, the China and South Seas, the Kinchen and the Continental Banks have organised a joint savings society which provides a distribution of profits to the members of the society, and which is to that extent co-operative in nature.

Mr. F. S. Hughes, a foreign missionary at Chichow, Shantung, has organised the Taipei Co-operative Credit Society in some Shantung towns. Each member must pay ten dollars in cash or by instalments. Loans may be raised from outside, with the Society as guarantor. A member may borrow from the Society if he can get another member as guarantor.

The China International Relief Committee has recently drawn up a set of rules for the organisation of rural credit societies in China, and promises to stand behind them if they are carried on according to these rules and under the supervision of the Committee. No society has yet been formed on these lines.

An old Chinese institution resembles a co-operative credit society. It is merely called the "hui" or society. It may consist of any number of people, usually ten, twenty, or thirty. Each member pays a fixed amount every month to the society as deposit, and the total amount of one month is to be loaned to the member who is willing to pay the highest interest rate on it. All members may bid for the loan, and when the highest bidder gets the loan, the interest he pays is divided among the other members. Members who have already enjoyed the privilege of borrowing from the society in any past month are thereafter not entitled to bid or receive any share of the interest paid. The duration of the society depends on the number of its members: 10 months for 10 members, 12 months for 12 members, etc. If all members agree, the society may be renewed.

IDENTITY PUZZLE.

WOMAN WANDERER.

A well-dressed woman whose identity is puzzling the authorities, was found wandering by the Edenbridge (Kent) police and has been admitted into Sevenoaks Poor Law Infirmary.

Aged about 35, she has dark hair and eyes and was dressed in a grey plaid costume.

When she was admitted, she said she was the daughter of a duke and the wife of a knight. She showed great aversion to being placed in a bedroom with other inmates.

She had £4 13s. 5d. and 400,000 German marks. In her bag was an extra pair of artificial silk stockings. She wore a new pair of shoes, for which she had the receipt from a firm in the Strand.

On a box containing a fountain pen is written the name Carvery. But she denies that is her name, although she says she used it at one time.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

For A. O. L. as "President Jackson" on Dec. 8—Mr. J. N. Rodheaver, Mrs. H. Rodheaver, Mrs. P. M. Kessler, Mrs. A. Kessler, Mr. J. W. Wilson, Mr. A. Levett, Mr. D. W. Bodinger, Mrs. L. B. Bodinger, Dr. M. L. Mac, Mrs. F. H. Gray, Miss E. Gray, Miss A. Gray, Mr. John W. Bandow, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Winter, Mr. E. T. Matland, Jdgo. and Mrs. E. J. Gray, Capt. E. O. Wolf, Mrs. A. B. Beckins, Mr. H. O. Roe, Mr. E. M. Wilkinson, Mr. A. E. Marshall, Master E. O. Fomero, Mrs. E. O. Fomero, Miss J. Fomero, Mr. and Mrs. O. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Morris, Mr. E. W. Gould, Mr. E. M. Buckley, Mrs. E. Newell, Mr. W. E. Kiederwolf, Miss G. Saxo, Miss F. Hay, Mr. J. N. Rodheaver, Mr. H. Rodheaver, Mr. E. P. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. B. Connell, Mrs. A. J. Hill, Mr. H. Hill, Mr. T. E. Lake, Mr. F. Castro, Mrs. E. Sygula, Mr. P. A. E. Root, Mrs. G. E. Root, Mr. R. O. Root, Mrs. L. Yee, Mr. G. O. Que, Mr. O. K. Gong, Mrs. L. So, Mrs. L. W. Shoo, Mr. O. Thong, Mrs. L. Spee, Mr. W. Yenke, Mr. L. Quianana, Mrs. F. Lopez, Miss E. Gotanco, Mr. N. L. Pino, Mr. H. Hossomai, Miss O. H. Ene.

For P. L. as "Easton" on Dec. 4—Mr. A. W. McGowan, Mr. J. Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Craig, Miss Simpson, Mr. A. McNeil, Miss E. A. Mathews, Miss M. A. Edwards, Mrs. H. H. Kingston, Miss E. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McIlraith, Mr. A. B. Briggs, Mrs. G. M. Pratt, Mr. E. Coppleton, Miss L. E. Davis, Miss K. McLeod, Miss L. Hiron, Miss E. T. Edgar, Mrs. A. A. Claxton, Miss Claxton, Mr. W. C. Johnston, Mr. A. Carvelli.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki on Dec. 3 6 p.m., left Nagasaki on Dec. 4 4 a.m. and is due at Kobe to-day.

The B. F. s.s. "Ozama" for Maricao, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow left Shanghai on Dec. 3 for this port and is due here to-morrow. The vessel will be despatched at daylight on Dec. 7.

The B. F. s.s. "Manelara" from Liverpool left Singapore on Dec. 1 for this port and is due here to-morrow.

The B. F. s.s. "Bosnia" from Middlebrook, Antwerp, London and Straits, left Manila for this port on Dec. 4 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Dec. 7.

The B. F. s.s. "Titus" from Liverpool left Singapore on Dec. 1 for this port and is due here on Dec. 8.

The A.O.L. s.s. "City of Spokane" sailed from Seattle Oct. 31 and is due here on or about Dec. 10.

The B. F. s.s. "Pomona" left Liverpool on Nov. 17 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Dec. 22.

The B. F. s.s. "Patroclus" left Liverpool on Nov. 10 for Shanghai and Hongkong and is due here on Dec. 10.

The B. F. s.s. "Egmont" left Liverpool on Nov. 17 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Dec. 26.

The B. F. s.s. "Lycoson" left Liverpool on Nov. 14 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Dec. 27.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on Nov. 29 and is due here on Dec. 16.

CONSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Goods per s.s. "Malaya" remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent. Agents—John Manners & Co., Ltd.

Goods per s.s. "West Prospect" not cleared by to-morrow will be subject to rent. Agents—Struthers and Barry.

It is announced in New York that the monthly quota of 5,468 immigrants from Great Britain has been exhausted, as have also the quotas of 15 other countries, including Russia.

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VOTING CONTEST.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

POPULAR GIRL CHRISTIAN NAMES.

As previously announced, we give this week, the first list of twenty girls' Christian names in our popular voting contest. Write them out in their correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists will follow each week. After these lists have all been decided, still further contests will be held to decide the finals. For each event every week we will give our usual \$50 prize. Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final. Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1. Ada
2. Amy
3. Beatrice
4. Cynthia
5. Eileen
6. Emily
7. Evelyn
8. Freda
9. Grace
10. Henrietta
11. Irene
12. Jane
13. Joyce
14. Katherine
15. Laura
16. Lucy
17. Mildred
18. Phyllis
19. Rose
20. Violet

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, December 5, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten most popular Christian names from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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 5.
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 7.
 8.
 9.
 10.
- Name
- Address

Next Week—Girls' Names Second List.



During the hearing of her suit for the annulment of her marriage to William Meryash, 20, of New York City, a former pugilist, Judge John M. Tierney, of the Bronx County Court, scored Mrs. Edna Meryash, 10, for her bobbed hair and cosmetics. He told the young wife: "Your case is one of good looks, and if grant you an annulment you will do it all over again." He took the case under advisement.



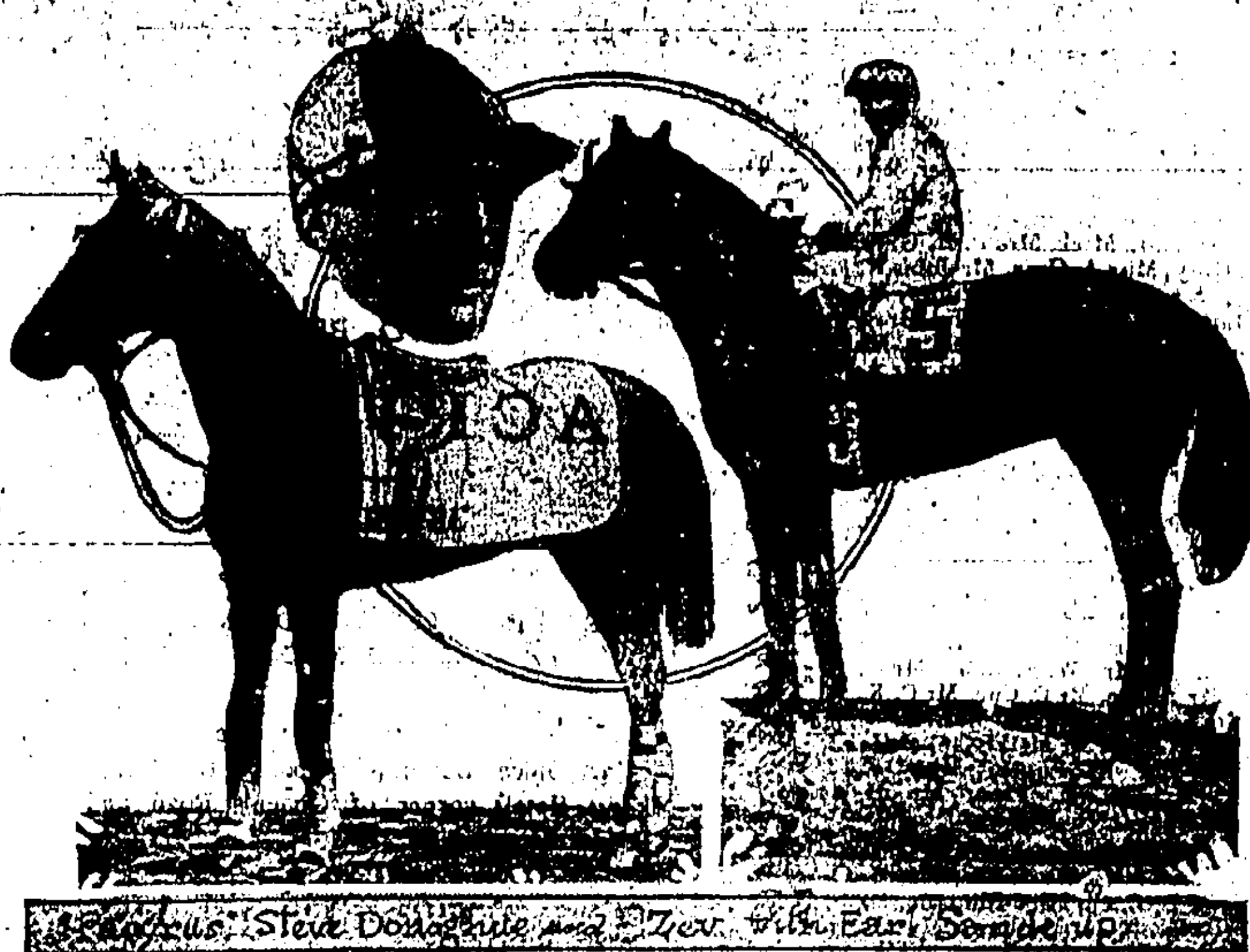
Arthur Bodanski, world-famous composer and conductor.



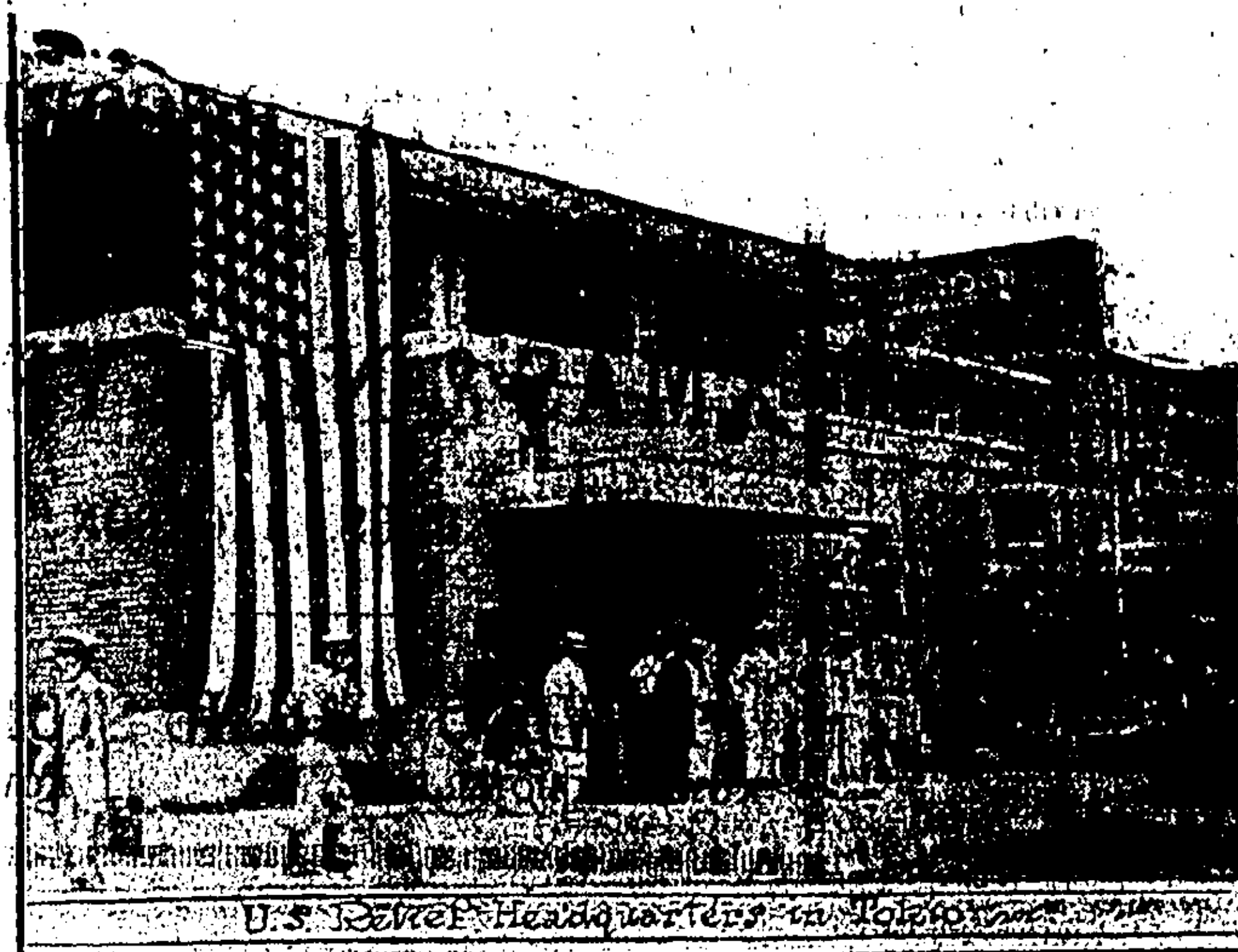
Mrs. Ollie Combs Justice held in jail, for shooting to death her sweetheart, DeWitt Turner, as he sat at the wheel of his automobile. She declares he had spurned her.



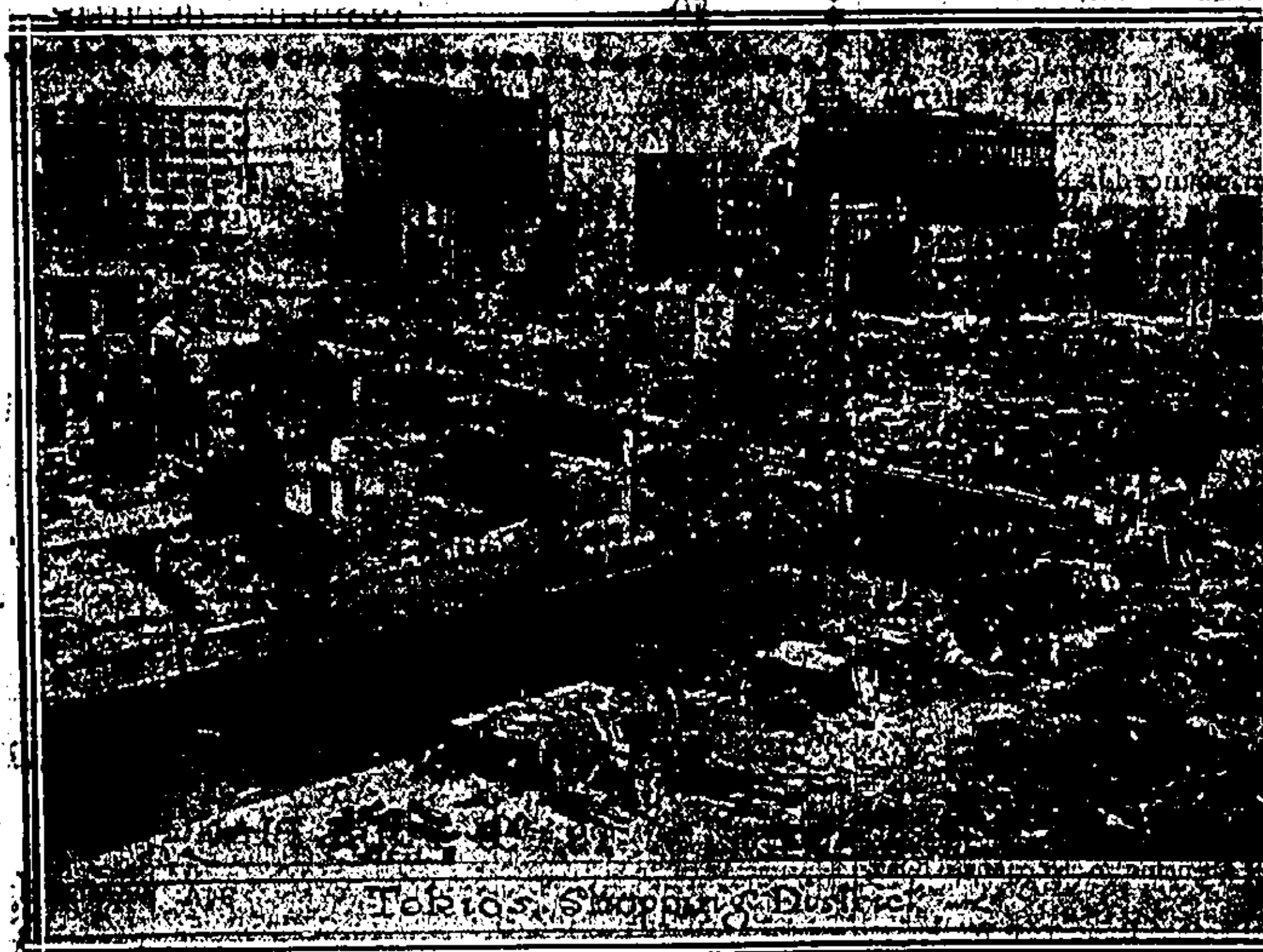
Here is a striking close-up of David Lloyd George, Great Britain's War Premier, and his daughter, Megan, his inseparable companion, snapped as they rode up Broadway between human walls, upon their arrival in New York for an American tour.



Papyrus, Ben Irish's winner of the last English Derby, and Zev, Harry F. Sinclair's marvellous three-year-old, selected as the best horses in England and America.



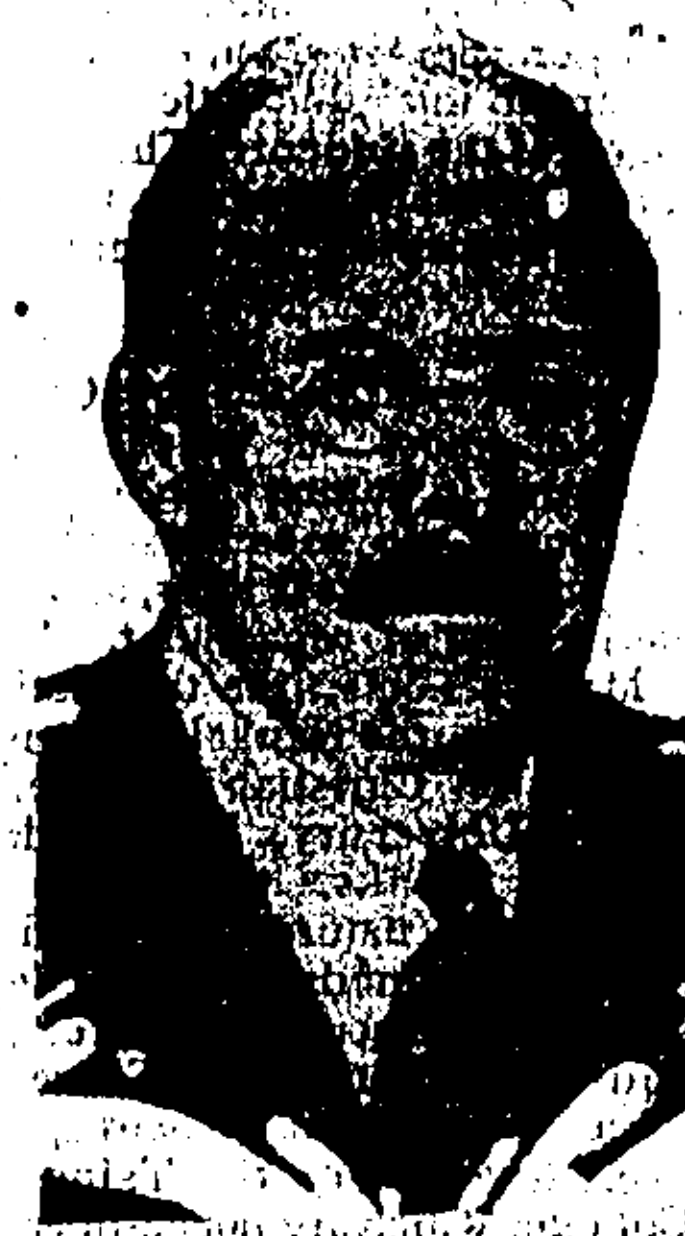
Above is shown the American Relief Headquarters in Tokio, where Brigadier-General Frank McCoy, who was rushed to Japan from the Philippines, took command of the distribution of the millions of dollars' worth of food and clothing sent to the disaster sufferers, the distribution being made by men from the American fleet.



The above is an excellent photograph showing the extent of the damage done by the earthquake and fire in the Nihombashi, or retail district, of Tokio. The street at the right was known as "Ginza," or "street of silver," so called because of the vast amount of money that changed hands in its magnificent shops.



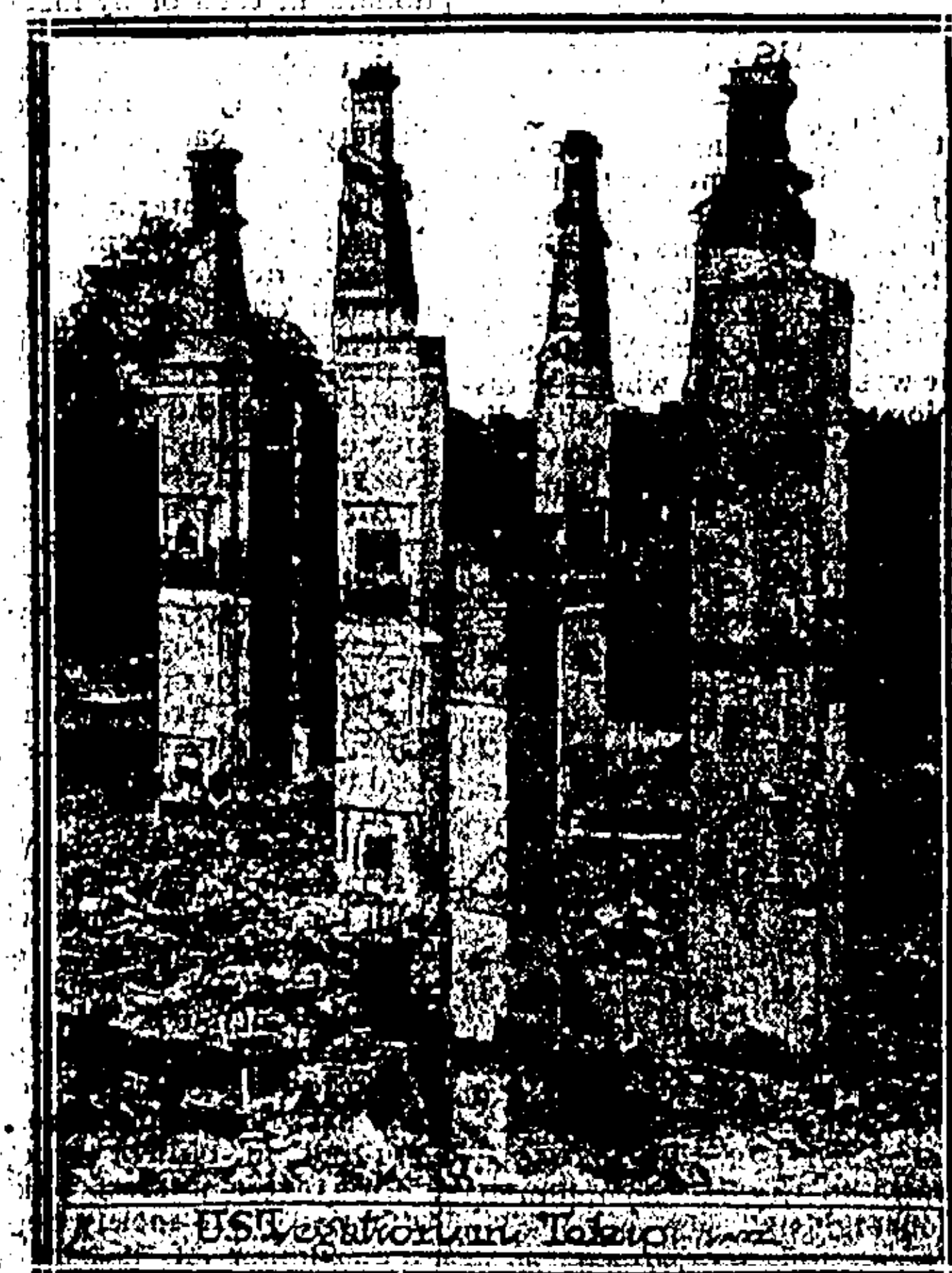
Ambassador Cyrus E. Woods, Admiral Anderson, in command of the American fleet in Japanese waters, and Brigadier-General Frank McCoy, troop commander in the Philippines, were in charge of the American relief work in the great Japanese disaster.



The first business Senator-elect Magnus Johnson, Minnesota's "dirt farmer" Senator, when he reached Washington was to seek a house with a lot where he could park the family cow during his stay in Washington. Cow garages are not common in the nation's capital, and the Senator is having considerable difficulty finding a place to check his moo cow.



Mrs. Martha Baccardi, 19-year-old wife of Senor Jose Baccardi, known as the Cuban Rum King has moved to New York City from San Diego, Cuba, and filed suit for divorce. She charges that her multi-millionaire husband spends most of his time sleeping off the effects of his own famous rum.



These charred chimneys are all that is left of the beautiful American Legation in Tokio, from which Ambassador Cyrus E. Woods and his official family narrowly escaped in the great earthquake and fire.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH ELECTIONS.

London, December 4.
The closing stages of the election campaign are waxing fast and furious, and facing is running high. Several candidates including Lady Terrington, and Sir George Morris have issued writs of alleged libel, one against a newspaper and the other against the chairman of the local Conservative Association. Rowdiness continues. It is rumoured in Glasgow that some candidates are retaining the services of pugilists as body guards. Mr. Hogbin of North Buttercote has been placed under police protection consequent upon threats on his life by gunmen. Forecasts of the final results vary. Lloyds yesterday quoted five guineas per cent. against a victory for the Labour party, fifty against a Liberal majority and eighty-five against a Conservative Government with a working majority.

MARQUIS AND COLONEL STONED IN MOTORCAR.

The Marquis of Hartington, Conservative candidate, while in a motorcar with Colonel Spenderclay, Conservative candidate for Tonbridge, leaving a meeting last night was stoned. The windows of the car were smashed. Colonel Spenderclay was severely injured in one hand.

WIRELESS IN PEKING.

London, December 4.
At a meeting of Marconi's Ltd., Mr. Godfrey Isaacs referring to the high power station at Peking announced that consistently with what was agreed upon at the Washington Conference the company invited all cable companies interested to join them in this Chinese enterprise. The companies agreed subject to satisfactory arrangements being made and the adjustment of details. Mr. Isaacs stated that the company was confident soon to be able to announce the completion of an agreement with the post office in regard to imperial wireless.

DEYNICOURT RETIRES.

London, December 4.
Sir Tennyson Deyncourt retires from the Admiralty at the end of the year and rejoins Armstrong Whitworths.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st November 1923.
City and Hill District Water Works Level.

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